

Who is Responsible?

From all sections of the State we are daily hearing of the horrible and bloody deeds of the Ku Klux Klan, they are seen in bands of from ten or twelve, up to four and five hundred, riding through all parts of the country, at the dead hour of night in disguise, committing numerous depredations of the worst character. Men are shot, hanged and drowned, and even helpless women and children are brutally whipped and outraged at the hands of these miserable outlaws. Such a state of affairs never existed in any civilized country, as now exists in this and several of the other Southern States. Life, liberty and property, are alike unsafe, and to speak candidly we believe that the people are subject to more horrible and fearful outrages, at the hands of these mid-night assassins, than they were in the darkest days of the Confederacy. We have not forgotten the noted "Laurel Massacre" or the murder of Dock Hampton and others during the late war, but the above deeds of murder were committed in day light, and although as cold blooded as could be, yet they did not cause the awful suspense and dread of life, that follows the hands of the murderous Ku Klux Klan, who like a gang of hungry wolves go at the dead hour of the night in disguise, and take an innocent citizen from his bed, and carry him off before the eyes of his family, and whip, or murder him in cold blood, without regard or respect for the laws of their country.

Again we ask, who is responsible for this dreadful state of society in North Carolina? The Republican party cannot be held responsible, for have they not upon all occasions denounced the depredations of these lawless bands, and encouraged and counselled peace and quiet among the people? Have not they made every possible effort, as officers of the law, to bring these outlaws to punishment, and to stay their murderous hands? Then if the Republican party are not responsible, what party, or what set of men are responsible? Is the Democratic party responsible for any of the lawless acts of this Ku Klux Klan? We think we are perfectly safe in saying that they are responsible for the whole of it, and that every outrage or murder committed by the Ku Klux, rests upon their heads, as a party.

Have they ever made any effort to put a stop to these outrages? Have they ever denounced the Ku Klux Klan, as a band of lawless men and called upon all good citizens to frown upon them, and aid in putting them down, and bringing them to justice? Have they in their public meetings, or their public speeches, said or done anything calculated to stay the hands of these outlaws? Nay we ask, if on the other hand they have not encouraged the Ku Klux to commit depredations upon the peaceable citizens of the state? Is it not very common, to hear a Democrat remark, when he hears of some one being whipped or outraged by the Ku Klux, well he was a low down bad man, and I reckon that he ought to have been whipped or hanged, or some such remark? We have often, almost invariably upon such occasions, heard such remarks, and we know that the people have also noticed it. Now is not this calculated to encourage them to go on in their depredations?

Again, have not a majority of the democratic papers in the state encouraged the Ku Klux to commit outrages, by denying the existence of such an organization, and by apologizing for their conduct by endeavoring to show that the victims of the Ku Klux were persons of bad character, and deserving of the punishment they received? Have not the democratic Lawyers of the State encouraged them, by always showing a willing disposition to step

forward and defend them when arrested for their crimes? Did not Gov. Graham acknowledge head of the democratic party in this State, encourage them by characterizing their murderous deeds as "a species of wild justice?" Has not Josiah Turner the editor of the Raleigh Sentinel, the organ of the democratic party in this State, done more to encourage the Ku Klux Klan and to incite them to outrage and murder innocent citizens, than any other man in North Carolina, by apologizing for their acts, abusing their victims, and endeavoring to palliate their crimes by saying that their victims were bad men, or that they were compelled to commit these depredations because some miserable scoundrel had burned somebody's barn? Last though not least, has not the democratic Legislature now in session at Raleigh, done a great deal to encourage these midnight assassins, by repealing the laws passed by the last Legislature to punish them for their crimes, and by endeavoring to impeach Gov. Holden for trying to put down the Ku Klux?

Yes, gentlemen of the democratic party, we tell you that upon your heads rests the responsibility and the honest people of the State are beginning to see it. We do not say that every democrat is a Ku Klux, but we do say, and we think truthfully, that every Ku Klux is a democrat, and we say further that it is in the power of the democratic party to put down the Ku Klux, and to thereby bring about peace and quiet throughout our whole State. Now we ask in the name of the people, and in the interest of peace and quiet, will you do it? Will you use your influence to stay the shedding of blood by these midnight assassins, or will you quietly sit with your hands folded, and your mouths and ears closed to the cry of an injured and suffering people? Show your hands gentlemen. Let us see where to place you, and if you desire to see our State restored to quiet and prosperous condition, hold your meetings and call upon the Ku Klux to stay their murderous hands, let your public journals, and your public speakers frown upon and denounce them, and our word for it we will have better times, but fail to do this and things will necessarily grow worse and worse, until the life of no man will be safe, no matter to what party he belongs Republican or Democratic.

We await your action on this important matter, and we hope it will not be delayed, for we can plainly see that things are fast approaching a point, where "forbearance ceases to be a virtue." Let us have peace.

Not Satisfied Yet.

The Democratic Legislature, it seems, are not satisfied to give up the calling of a Convention yet, and notwithstanding their defeat in their recent effort to call a Convention, in palpable violation of the Constitution and the oath they took as members of the General Assembly, still they have another proposition before the Legislature to call a Convention, which is almost the same bill that they passed not long since, except that they acknowledge that a two-thirds vote is necessary to pass the bill into a law.

This is a "retrenchment and reform" with a vengeance! They promised the dear people last summer that they were going to do wonders in the way of retrenchment and reform, and are they not fulfilling their promises with a vim? Instead of doing what they promised, for the sake of getting into office, they are throwing away the people's money like chaff. They have expended enough of the people's money upon three measures that have occupied so much of their time, since they have been in Raleigh—the Impachment, the Convention question and Salaries and Fees, to run the State Government for twelve months, if properly managed. Let the people remember these facts, and we think they will be slow to trust such men a second time.

Saxe says that Vermont is famous for four staples, "Men, women, maple sugar and horses. The first are strong, the last are fleet, the second and third are exceedingly sweet, and all are unaccountably hard to beat."

Republican Meeting.

RUTHERFORD, N. C.,
March 13th, 1871.
At a meeting of the Republicans of Rutherford County, at Rutherfordton on Monday, March 13th, inst.

On motion, Gen. N. Scoggin was called to the chair and R. J. Williams requested to act as Secretary.

Col. R. W. Logan was called upon, and in a few brief remarks, explained the object of the meeting.

On motion, The chair appointed the following persons as a committee to draft resolutions for the action of the meeting, to wit:—Col. R. W. Logan, I. P. Sorrells, E. D. Hawkins, N. E. Walker and Richmond Scott.

During the absence of the committee, J. B. Carpenter, Esq., being called upon, addressed the meeting, in a short but pointed manner.

The committee on resolutions after a short absence returned, and through Col. R. W. Logan, reported the following Preamble and Resolutions, which, together with an additional resolution offered by Mr. Carpenter, were unanimously adopted, after which short but enthusiastic speeches were made, by J. M. Allen, Esq., Mr. Philip Justice of Polk, I. P. Sorrells and M. L. Blankenship.

WHEREAS, It is the right of the people to assemble together to consult for their common good, and to publicly approve what may be right and condemn what is wrong, and

WHEREAS, We a portion of the people of Rutherford County, having assembled in public meeting, and having consulted together upon the condition of affairs in our State, and

WHEREAS, We are of the opinion that the late action of the General Assembly proposing to call a Convention was unconstitutional, revolutionary and wrong, and that the act of Gov. Caldwell, in refusing to sanction the action of the General Assembly, in relation to calling a Convention, was in accordance with his duty as Chief Executive of the people, and his oath of office, and right, and

WHEREAS, We believe the organization known as the Ku Klux to be a dangerous and unlawful body of men, whose aims are to overturn the Government, and to inflict brutal punishment upon innocent citizens purely upon political grounds, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That the Act of the General Assembly proposing to call a Convention of the people, having been passed by a bare majority of the members of the General Assembly, is unconstitutional, revolutionary and void.

Resolved, 2d. That Gov. Caldwell in refusing to order the holding of an election under the above act has proven himself to be a true patriot, a wise executive, and a bold and fearless defender of the Constitution, the laws and the liberties of the people, and that he deserves the heartfelt thanks, and united support of the whole people in the course he has pursued.

Resolved, 3rd. That we denounce the organization known as the Ku Klux, as a band of lawless marauders, murderers and midnight assassins, and we also denounce, and hold responsible as equally guilty with the Ku Klux, all persons, no matter of what class, who encourage them in their lawless outrages, or who fail to denounce their acts.

Resolved, 4th. That we endorse the course of J. M. Justice, Esq., our Representative in the Legislature in voting against the question of submitting to the people the calling of a Convention, and that the course of G. M. White-side, Esq., Senator from Polk, Rutherford and Cleveland, in the same matter is unwise, and meets with our strongest condemnation.

On motion, The Rutherford Star, was requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, and the Asheville Pioneer and Raleigh Telegram requested to copy.

On motion, The meeting adjourned.

N. SCOGGIN, Ch'm.
R. J. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

A Tennessee postmaster enclosed to the United States Treasurer a slip cut from a recent North Carolina paper, setting forth that the postmaster at Hillsboro' N. C., has been fined two dollars and ninety dollars cost for refusing to receive mutilated currency in payment for postage stamps, and says that since the appearance of this article in print his office has been flooded with mutilated currency, and desires to know whether he is compelled to take or may refuse the money so presented. Treasurer Spinner replies, stating that under the rules of the Treasury Department postmasters are authorized to receive such currency for its full value in payment of postage stamps when in cases of United States notes not more than one-twentieth of the note is missing, and in cases of fractional currency when not more than one-tenth is missing. When such notes and fractional currency are mutilated beyond the standard referred to no one is compelled to receive them for any part of their value, and the only place where such notes may be redeemed is at the United States Treasury.—Charlotte Observer.

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G. G. Scoggin, deceased.
Defendants.

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